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TAGS: CGEN, SOPN, UR
SUBJECT: PENTACOSTALIST WALK-INS - PRESS GUIDANCE

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1. PRESENCE OF PENTACOSTALISTS IN CONSULAR LOBBY
APPARENTLY NOT YET KNOWN TO LOCAL AMERICAN PRESS
CORPS, WHICH HAS BEEN DISTRACTED TODAY BY CRAWFORD,
WHITNEY/PIPER AND AXE-MURDER STORIES. SHOULD WALK-
IN INCIDENT BECOME KNOWN TO NEWSMEN, HOWEVER, WE
INTEND TO RESPOND ALONG LINES OF FOLLOWING:

-Q: IS IT TRUE THAT SOME SOVIETS ARE CAMPED OUT
IN THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION?

-A: YES, SEVEN SOVIETS ENTERED THE EMBASSY AT
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN A.M. ON JUNE 27. (THEY HAVE NOT
YET LEFT THE EMBASSY.)

--BACKGROUND: AN EIGHTH PERSON, A 16-YEAR OLD BOY,
WAS WITH THE GROUP BUT FAILED TO MAKE IT PAST THE
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MILITIA. THE GROUP CLAIMS TO BE PENTECOSTALISTS
WHO WANT TO EMIGRATE. THEY ARE FROM CHERNOGORSK.
THEY HAVE AGREED TO LEAVE BUT ONLY ON THE CONDITION
THAT THE BOY IS RETURNED TO THEM FIRST. THEY DO
HAVE VYZOV'S.

-Q: WHAT DO THEY WANT?

-A: THEY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH US CONSULAR MATTERS.

-Q. WHY DID THEY REMAIN IN THE EMBASSY?

-A: THEY INSISTED ON REMAINING IN THE CONSULAR LOBBY
UNTIL THEIR SON IS RELEASED. THE EMBASSY, IN
ACCORD WITH ITS USUAL PRACTICE, WILL NOT FORCE
THEM TO LEAVE.

-Q: HAVE YOU RAISED THE PROBLEM WITH SOVIET
AUTHORITIES?

A: YES. TOON

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